

## WEATHER

Watch the weather forecasts before your tour date and encourage all participants to do the same. Please make every effort to see that everyone is prepared for any possible weather conditions. We reserve the right to refuse to take any individual outdoors who is not appropriately dressed for the weather.

## CANCELLATIONS

If you must cancel your scheduled tour for any reason, please contact us at 716-683-5959 at least one hour before the designated time. We reserve the right to cancel a tour in unsafe conditions (e.g. thunderstorms, high winds, extreme cold). If the weather is questionable, please call us to check the weather conditions at Reinstein Woods before departing.

## FACILITIES

Full service bathrooms are available on site. Small groups may use the pavilion or classroom (if available) for lunch upon request. Picnic pavilions and restrooms for large groups are available at neighboring Stiglmeier Park (Town of Cheektowaga) on Losson Road. Contact the Cheektowaga Parks Department at 716-656-2280 for more information.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

We can accommodate groups looking to complete service hours with trail maintenance work and other small projects; call to arrange a work day at Reinstein Woods. Groups can also participate in the annual Earth Day in May spring cleanup, held on the first Saturday in May.

### For more information, contact:

Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center  
93 Honorine Drive  
Depew, NY 14043  
716-683-5959

**E-Mail:** [reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov](mailto:reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov)

### Website:

[reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/adult-programs/](http://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/adult-programs/)

## DIRECTIONS



Reinstein Woods is located in the Town of Cheektowaga, about 15 minutes east of downtown Buffalo, between Union and Transit Roads.

**From the east:** From the Thruway (I-90), take exit 49 (Transit Rd/Rt. 78). Turn right and head south on Transit Rd. approximately 4 miles. Turn right on Como Park Blvd. Proceed approximately 1 mile, then turn left onto Honorine Dr.; the entrance is on the left at 93 Honorine Drive.

**From the west:** From the Thruway (I-90), take exit 52A (William St.). Head towards Cheektowaga on William St. to Union Rd. Turn left on Union Rd. (Rt. 277) and proceed to Como Park Blvd. Turn right on Como Park Blvd. Proceed approximately 2 miles, then turn right onto Honorine Dr.; the entrance is on the left at 93 Honorine Dr.



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# Adult Programs



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## RESERVATIONS

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in collaboration with Friends of Reinstein Woods offers guided tours and outreach programs to visitors of all ages. Call 716-683-5959 for a tour or program reservation. Please be sure that the date is acceptable to your group before making the reservation, as we are often unable to reschedule groups. Programs may be scheduled on weekdays and weekends, for morning, afternoon or evening times, based on staff and volunteer availability. A minimum of 10 participants is required to schedule a program.

Please contact us a **minimum of three weeks** before your desired date. For guided tours, February, May, June, and October are our busiest months; call early to reserve your preferred dates. After making a program reservation, you will receive a confirmation letter by e-mail or by mail.

See the School Programs brochure or Youth Programs brochure for programs for children.

## OUTREACH PROGRAMS

A DEC environmental educator will bring nature to your group in these exciting educational programs, which last about 45 minutes. Other topics may be available by request; please ask and we will see if we can meet your needs.

### ***Birding 101***

From beautiful morning songs to dazzling plumage, birds enrich our environment as well as our lives. Learn how to identify local birds and how to use binoculars and field guides.

### ***Four Seasons of The Woods***

Take a virtual tour of Reinstein Woods with this presentation featuring stunning photos taken by Reinstein Woods staff and volunteers.

### ***Native Landscaping & Invasive Species***

Learn the benefits of landscaping with native plants and how to discourage the spread of harmful invasive species.

### ***Nature's Recyclers***

Learn how red wiggler worms take food scraps and make compost to use in gardens. This presentation will include other creatures living in compost bins, how to make a compost bin and what foods you can feed your worms.

### ***Surviving White-tailed Deer***

Learn how to cope with white-tailed deer. Discover which plants are deer resistant, methods to keep deer away from gardens and the dangers of feeding deer.

## GUIDED TOURS

DEC environmental educators or trained volunteers will lead your group on an outdoor exploration of nature. These programs are conducted outdoors, last about 1 ½ hours, and are offered year-round (unless otherwise noted). Please plan on about a two-hour time frame for your visit to Reinstein Woods, to allow time for arrival, dividing into smaller groups (if needed), and using the restrooms. Children are welcome to attend guided tours but must be included in the group size when making a reservation.

### ***Nature Walk***

An introduction to local wildlife and their habitats, as well as trees and plants of the woods. Natural objects such as pelts and feathers will illustrate wildlife adaptations, and visitors are encouraged to use their senses to explore the outdoors.

### ***Evening Adventure***

Participants will use their senses while experiencing a walk in the woods in the evening. Learn about animals that are active at night, and the adaptations they use to survive.

### ***Alien Invaders***

After searching for "alien" (non-native) plants and animals, participants will understand the impact of these invasive species on the environment. Off-site programs and service projects are also available; call for more information.

### ***Winter Challenges***

Participants will discover how wildlife survive the cold challenges of the winter season by taking a guided walk on snowshoes to search for animal homes, tracks, and other signs. **Snowshoe rental is included. Offered December- February only.**

## FEES

### **Guided Tours**

A fee is charged for guided tours to cover part of the cost of running the program. To provide the most effective outdoor lesson experience, large groups are divided into smaller field parties. The maximum size allowed is 20 people for each Reinstein Woods instructor. Minimum of 10 people required to schedule a guided tour.

**Guided tour fee = \$3 per person**

**Winter Challenges (includes snowshoe rental) = \$8 per person**

***Please note: You are responsible for paying for the number of people originally scheduled, even if some are absent.***

### **Outreach Programs**

There is a requested fee of \$30.00 per outreach program session.

### **Payment**

Payments are preferred by check (payable to "Friends of Reinstein Woods") or credit card; cash is also accepted. Friends of Reinstein Woods is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization which supports education programs at Reinstein Woods. Groups with financial limitations may fill out a scholarship application to request a fee waiver.

A \$30.00 deposit is requested for guided tours. The deposit must be received at least a week before the scheduled program date.